

## PAIR BARGIN FOR LESSER TERMS IN CHAMBERS BROTHERS TRIAL

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Two of 16 defendants in the **Chambers Brothers** drug gang case pleaded guilty to reduced charges Wednesday on the first day of trial in U.S. District Court. The pleas came in exchange for lesser sentences and an agreement to co-operate with prosecutors.

Theodore Miles, 35, of Detroit also known as Charles Rhoades, admitted before U.S. District Judge Richard Suhrheinrich to distributing to Perry Coleman of Detroit on Dec. 8, 1987, 16 grams of cocaine within 1,000 feet of Goodale Elementary School in Detroit.

Miles, who originally faced up to 40 years in prison, now faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$1 million fine. Three other drug-related charges against him were dismissed as part of the plea agreement.

Coleman, 28, admitted selling almost 27 grams of cocaine on May 6, 1987. Instead of the 20-year maximum prison sentence he originally faced, his plea agreement calls for up to five years in prison and a \$1 million fine.

The trial of the remaining defendants opened Wednesday amid tight security. Jury selection, which is expected to be completed today, went slowly with several people excused after admitting racial bias. One woman was also excused because she said her father had killed a suspect during a robbery attempt on members of her family.

The four **Chambers brothers** -- Billy Joe, Larry, Willie and Otis -- are accused of running one of the largest drug rings in Detroit history between 1983 and 1988 until they were indicted along with 18 others in March.

Four people now have pleaded guilty and four remain fugitives.

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\* A Thursday article should have said that Theodore Miles pleaded guilty to delivering cocaine to Terry Colbert. The article had Colbert's name wrong.

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